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**Funding Available for Low-Impact Development Project
in the Ipswich River Watershed**

BOSTON – The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is seeking a developer or contractor to partner with the agency in demonstrating the benefits of using Low Impact Development (LID) principles in a residential or mixed-use subdivision. DCR will award up to \$90,000 for an eligible project within the Ipswich River watershed. Funding for the project is provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency through the Targeted Watersheds Program.

Through this project, DCR seeks to demonstrate and quantify the benefits of LID techniques, which maximize groundwater recharge, minimize impervious paved surfaces, and preserve natural vegetation and open space. LID approaches can also reduce stormwater and other infrastructure costs and result in a more attractive development that enhances marketability.

The Request for Responses is posted on the Commonwealth's procurement website, Comm-PASS, at <http://www.comm-pass.com/>. Interested bidders should search the solicitations for document number DCR 137. Responses are due by September 19. For more information, contact Sara Cohen, Water Resources Specialist, at sara.cohen@state.ma.us.

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